pies with greater fertility potential under spacing methods. Full details of the scheme are being worked out.

(c) and (d) No separate allocations for the implementation of the action plan have been made during the year 1992-93. The action plan is a part of the revised strategy aiming at giving a new dynamism and thrust to the Family Welfare Programme in the country and the States/UTs are expected to implement it within the overall resources made available to them under the programme.

Committee on Safe Blood

1827. SHRI N. E. BALARAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the committee appointed to inquire into the incident involving blood certified as safe turning out to be infected with the AIDS virus has submitted its reports to the Delhi Administration; and

(b) if so, the details of the findings/ recommendations made and what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA) : (a) Yes.

(b) The Expert Committee has attributed the conflicting test reports on the blood samples getting mixed up or alternatively a remote possibility of getting false negative results. Based on this finding, the Expert Committee has recommended intensive training of personnel working in testing laboratories and close monitoring. Delhi Administration is taking necessary steps to work out uniform standardised procedures for handling, labelling and transporting of the blood samples.

Population Growth

1828. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:
Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that raising the statutory rnarriageable age, both for females and males, has been considered to be one of the effective ways to curb population growth; and

(b) if so, what steps are contemplated in that direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The issue of raising the statutory marriageable age of both female and male is being examined in consultation with the concerned Ministries/Departments in the Government of India and the State Governments/ UTs Administration.

Illegal sale and encroachment of Pahari Land

1829. SHRI N. E. BALARAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Delhi State Mineral Development Corporation Ltd. had lodged FIRs on the 18th Sept., 1988, 18th August, 1988 and 28th August, 1988 with the Ambedkar Nagar Police Station (Ma-dangir) regarding the illegal sale and encroachment of stone bearing Pahari Land with Khasra Nos. 20, 21, 87, *40,* 41 and 42 in the revenue estate of Devli Mines;

(b) if so, what action has been taken by the Police in this regard to stop illegal sale/encroachment of the above land; and